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SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AS IMMIGRANTS

1. IN VIEW INCREASING NUMBER OF 1976 REFUGEE PAROLEES NEW STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS, POST PREDICTS INCREASING NUMBERS OF REFUGEE RELATED SPOUSES, AND UNMARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER US AS IMMIGRANTS THRU I-130'S FILED BY PRA PETITIONERS. UPON RECEIPT OF ANY AFFIDAVIT WHICH INDICATES STATUS AS PRA, JVAR OFFICE WILL SEND WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SUBMISSION I-130 AND I-134 DIRECTLY TO PRA'S WHO APPEAR ABLE TO QUALIFY RELATIVES AS IMMIGRANTS. COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT BEING FORWARDED TO JVAR/THAILAND, HA/ORM, INS HONG KONG, AND RELATED AGENCIES.

2. POS RECOMMENDS IF SUCH HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE, HA/ORM PREPARED AND CIRCULATE NATIONWIDE INFORMATION BULLETIN TO ALL VOLAGS, AGENCIES AND VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS EMPHASIZING TO NEW PRAS THAT THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO PETITION FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR ENTRANCE AS IMMIGRANTS, AND THUS SAVE LIMITED REFUGEE NUMBERS FOR CASES WHICH OTHERWISE MIGHT NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR U.S. RESETTLEMENT.

3. POST PREDICTS DISINCLINATION ON PARTS PRA'S AND VOLAGS TO
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FILE FORMS SINCE IT EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATES GOVERNMENT-TO-VOLAG FUNDING AND VOLAGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THRU CASH TO REFUGEE FAMILIES. THIS FACTOR IS OUTWEIGHED, HOWEVER, BY FACTS THAT (A) AMERICAN TRADITION IS THAT FIRST ARRIVALS AID IN THE IMMIGRATION AND SUPPORT OF FAMILY MEMBERS, AND (B) SIGNING OF I-134 (AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT) DOES NOT DISENFRANCHISE NEWLY ARRIVING IMMIGRANT FROM USUAL FEDERAL AND STATE AID PROGRAMS.

4. SINCE PROCESSING REFUGEES AS IMMIGRANTS REQUIRES DIFFERENT DOCUMENTATION THAN REFUGEE CASES, POST RECOMMENDS THAT INS ENSURE THAT PROPER PORCESSING CHANNELS FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEE RELATIVES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO EXPEDITE ADJUDICATION BY TELEGRAPHIC MEANS (I.E. VISAS 45) AND THAT INS DIDIRS CONUS ARE AWARE OF URGENCY OF MOVING BOAT REFUGEES. KUALA LUMPUR STREAMLINING IMMIGRANT DOCUMENTATION PROCESSING TO GIVE PRIORITY TO MOVEMENT OF PRA RELATIVES AS IMMIGRANTS.
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